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Will Gift Lists Click?

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Abstract:

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The **wish list** is stored at the site, and the list creator alerts friends and family members. The gift giver can then go to the site, enter the person's name or e-mail address and view the **wish list**. Each time someone buys an item on a list, the registry site receives a 5 percent to 15 percent commission from the retailer. 3

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THOSE who agonize over what to give far-flung nieces and nephews for the holidays or what to buy the friend who is a compulsive gift-returner can now instruct the would-be recipients to simplify the shopping process by setting up an online gift registry. 4

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Wish.com and NetGift.com (www.netgift.com), two sites focusing on strong retail partnerships, have agreements with more than 300 retailers. "Instead of trying to drive people to our site, we're driving them to other well-known sites," said Randall Greg, a spokesman for NetGift, whose goal, he added, is to register two million users by year end. 3

Other sites, like IveBeenGood.com (www.ivebeengood.com) and eWish.com (www.ewish.com), list retail partners but also encourage shoppers to wish for products anywhere on the Internet. 4

Della.com, the expansion of the Della & James online bridal registry into an all-occasion gift site, is taking a slightly different approach. In addition to partnering with name retailers like The Gap and Neiman-Marcus, Della showcases products from many stores and processes the purchase transactions at the Della site (www.della.com), instead of having the consumer go to the retailer. 5

Many retailers, including Amazon (www.amazon.com), CDNow (www.cdnow.com) and eToys (www.etoys.com), have their own registries, which gift buyers can view by typing in the recipient's name or e-mail address. Buyers from the eToys registry can get a 10 percent discount for the holidays. 6

Although a list of must-have toys might be fun for children, it remains to be seen whether adults will warm to the idea. Even consumers accustomed to shopping online are squeamish about **wish lists**. "I'm not one of those people who feel comfortable asking someone for a gift," said Lyle Rutschman, a toy collector in Wichita, Kan., who regularly buys Star Wars figurines online. "It just feels a little like begging." Mr. Rutschman instead uses **wish lists** at eToys and Toytime.com (www.toytime.com) as a way of reminding himself of what he plans to buy. 7

"Outside of weddings, it's going to be difficult to make it fly for adults," said Ken Cassar, a digital commerce analyst at Jupiter Communications. "There's no gratification for the buyer, who is essentially an order fulfiller." 8

Of course, registries can just about obliterate any sense of surprise. Because many registries notify the list maker once a product has been bought, a child with access to a registry can perform the electronic equivalent of peeking through the wrapping paper. To avoid this, parents should set up the **wish lists** and have any e-mail notifications about gift purchases sent directly to them. 9

Families that are already accustomed to list-making are most likely to benefit the most. "Our family writes up **wish lists** on paper every year anyway," said Kathy Truesdell, of Austin, Tex., who plans to register at eWish.com this year. "It's always very painstaking work, so this seems like it might make it easier." 10

Wendy Mincer, of Dallas, also plans to use an online registry this year, and to tell her family about it. "Swinging steaks may be a delicacy where my brother's from, but I don't want any more," she said, referring to a regional dish also known as Rocky Mountain oysters -- deep-fried calf, lamb or buffalo testicles. "This is a way of giving him other ideas." 11

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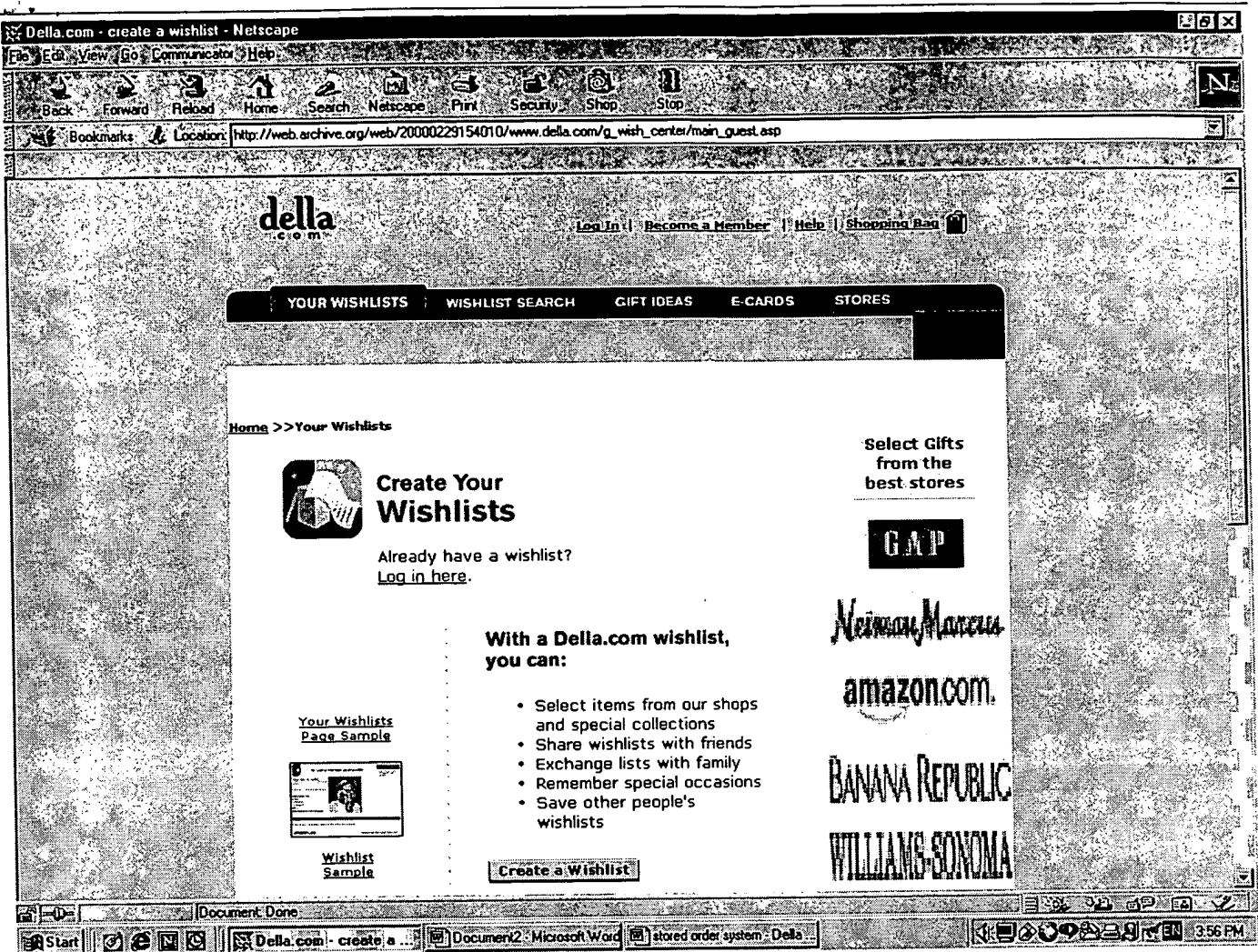
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Wishlist for Nicole Jones

Occasion Reminders

11/29 - Lauren's Birthday
 4/15 - Mom & Dad's Anniversary
 11/21 - Mike's House Warming
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Tell Someone About Your Wishlist

 Send an e-card to your friends or family with your wishlist attached.
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Combine Your Wishlists

Combine wishlists you have created at Ashford, Eve, Fogdog and/or MoMA Online Store with your Della.com Wishlists.
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Your Wishlists

Nicole's Wishlist (default)	view add items
21st Birthday Wishlist	view add items
My Graduation Wishlist	view add items

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Your Gift Exchanges

The Jones' Holiday Gift Exchange	view edit delete
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Your Bookmarked Wishlists

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Your Gift Profile

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